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President's Message

by [Deborah Murphy](#)

If you missed our July meeting or would like to hear Maggie Hallahan and Kathrin Moore again you can watch the videos – the links are in this newsletter. Captain Maggie Hallahan spoke about her work with SF Sea Scouts and the importance of retaining Gashouse Cove fuel station. Kathrin

negative influence on our city's future. Her words then were prophetic and we are seeing this today. Kathrin spoke about how "Cost Corruption Chaos" has replaced "Common Interest Values".

Come to the CSFN zoom meeting this August 18. We have 2 speakers – Joshua Klipp will speak about how elected officials aren't protecting trees in our city. Jeremy Mack from the Phoenix Project will speak about the dark money influence in SF elections.

Pre-registered required – use the link below.

You are invited to a CSFN Zoom meeting.

When: Tuesday Aug 18, 2026 06:30 PM

[Register for 8/18 to Hear Joshua Klipp & Jeremy Mack](#)

Thanks to the many volunteers like John Crabtree & Lisa Arjes the Great Highway Compromise will be on the November ballot. You can read all about it in John's article. I'm lucky to have neighbors like John & Lisa in District 4 who donate their time to help improve our neighborhood and city. They are on the board of [Friends of Sunset Boulevard](#). This non-profit organization's mission is to protect and beautify Sunset Boulevard and other public greenspaces.

If your organization hasn't paid 2026 dues yet you now have the option of paying by zelle – send \$45 to **treasurer@csfn.net** or mail a check made out to CSFN to Greg Scott 637 Noe Street, SF CA 94114

Please email me at bridgelady@earthlink.net and let me know when and where your neighborhood organization is meeting. I want to keep attending as many meetings as possible and continue learning about the issues in our city neighborhoods. Also contact me if you have ideas for speakers for our monthly meetings.

July CSFN Speaker videos: Kathrin Moore & Capt. Maggie Hallahan



Click above to see the video of Kathrin Moore speaking about how “Cost Corruption Chaos” has replaced “Common Interest Values”.



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Tracking the Rise of Tech Money in SF Elections



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by Gabe Stutman from [Inside Political Money](#)

school board. Four months later, they recalled Chesa Boudin, the city's progressive prosecutor, who ran on a decarceral platform. And in 2024, the city elected Daniel Lurie, an heir to the Levi Strauss fortune who ran on a business-friendly platform, as mayor.

Many understood the period as a political realignment that emerged organically from voters who were fed up with progressive policies. But was something else at work behind the scenes?...

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Mayor Lurie's Bid to Reshape City Hall Gets First Official Opponent



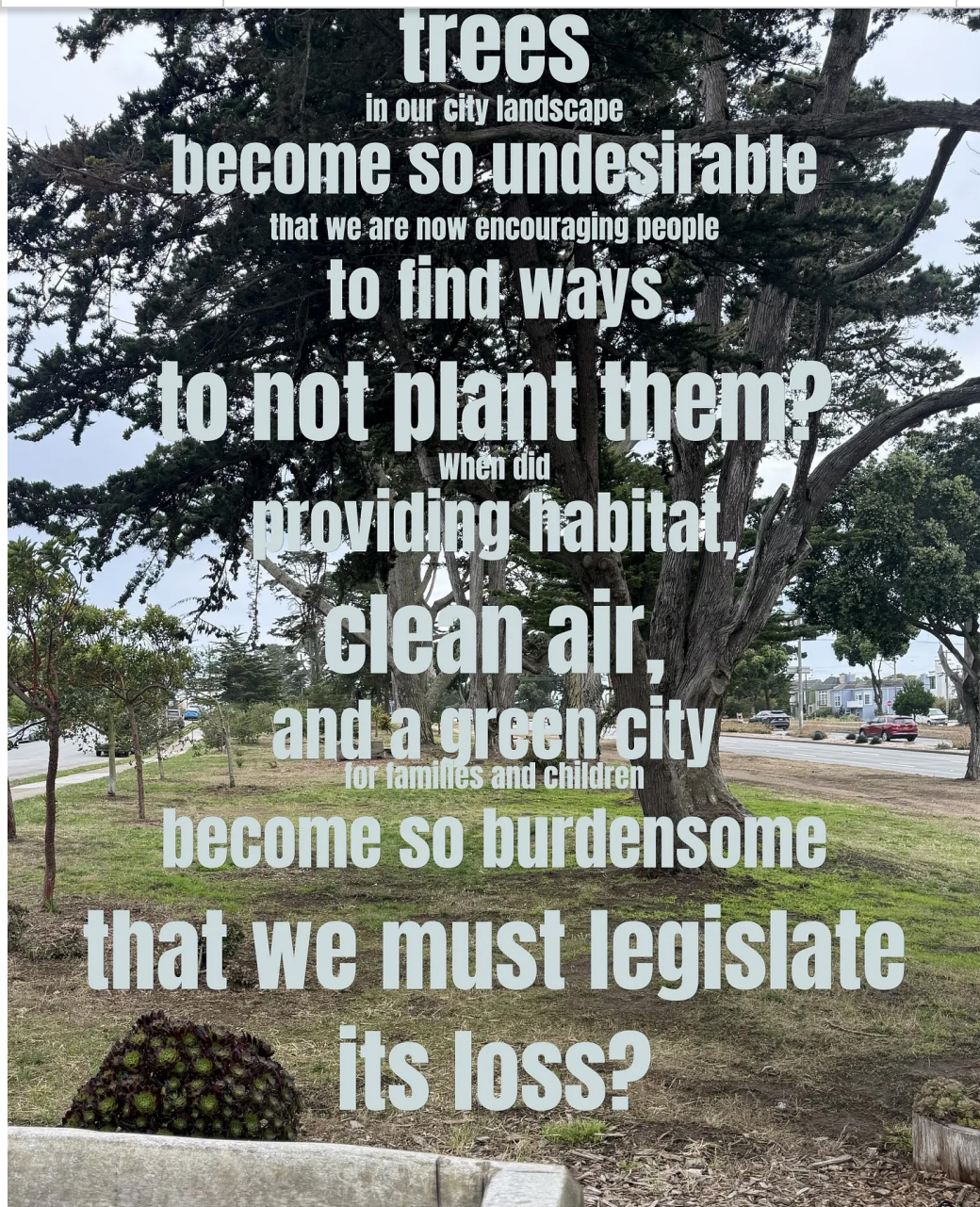
Mayor Daniel Lurie at the World Cup x Pride event on June 25, 2026. Photo by Zoe Malen.

...For months, [Mayor Lurie's] campaign to pass three ballot measures, which is backed by some \$9 million from wealthy allies and would further centralize power at City Hall, had roused no formal objections. Until now.

A group of progressive activists and campaign consultants filed papers on Friday to form an official ballot committee called "Fair Ballot Access" to oppose one of the three charter amendments Lurie wants voters to pass in November...

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The Lorax Goes to City Hall



From Though the Heavens Fall...

by John Crabtree

Editor's Note from John: *[I am no "Lorax," of Dr. Suess fame. Nor do I want anyone to make that comparison. It did make a rather nice mash-up headline, borrowing from Dr. Suess and Frank Capra — "The Lorax goes to City Hall" — but I promise, no Loraxian delusions or claims from me. I leave that for the Lorax wannabes or just wannabes in general, they know who they are.]...*

Updates on the Fight to Keep Crocker Real



Many people assume that the proposed Crocker Amazon renovation plan is a done deal. It is not. In fact, important new information continues to emerge, and community voices are making a difference. Here are some recent developments:

- The San Francisco Youth Commission Voted to Oppose the Current Plan
- Resolution Addressing the Crocker Amazon Baseball and Softball Fields Renovation Proposal
- Urban Forestry Council Protections Were Removed
- Resolution opposing the current Crocker Amazon Fields renovation proposal and urging a redesign that protects historic trees, preserves canopy, and upholds San Francisco's environmental commitments

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Close Toxic Pollution Loophole



natural beauty that benefit all of us.

It's now at risk, but courageous lawmakers are working to protect it.

The danger comes from a toxic pollution loophole that became law last year. This loophole allows big industrial projects to sidestep critical environmental reviews that inform the public about dangers to our air, our water, and our public health.

There's a fix: Senate Bill 954 closes the toxic pollution loophole. It's already passed the State Senate and several State Assembly committees, but your Assemblymember, Matt Haney, is still not on board. San Francisco Bay needs him!

In 30 seconds, you can [send an email](#) to Assemblymember Haney asking him to close the toxic pollution loophole:

https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca_202520260sb954

<https://righttoknow-sb954.org/>

Please join the [Planning and Conservation League](#), [Sierra Club](#), and [Save the Bay](#) in supporting this vital change, before it's too late.

Thank you!

Before SF Taxes Itself for Muni, It Should Fix Muni



Passengers disembark from a Muni Metro train at the 4th and King station on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Photo by Mike Ege for The Voice

by Gina Tse-Louie in [The Voice of San Francisco](#)

San Francisco is asking voters to pay more for Muni. The question is whether the agency has earned another bailout. Weeks after Measure A approval, a \$535 million Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond that includes \$200 million to replace the seismically unsafe Potrero Bus Yard, the city is lining up two new operating tax measures for the November ballot. Before asking taxpayers to contribute more, San Francisco should show it can use the money it already has wisely.

Two measures now before voters would raise roughly \$315 million annually and extend through the early 2040s...

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The Great Highway Compromise Certified Will Appear on November Ballot



by John Crabtree in [Though the Heavens Fall...](#)

John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections, City & County of San Francisco issued an officially signed and certified letter of sufficiency for the ballot measure to Open the Great Highway and implement the Great Highway Compromise.

On July 6, 2026, citizen volunteers from across San Francisco joined Rich Corriea, Official Proponent for this ballot measure in turning in signatures from 15,924 registered San Francisco voters to initiate the measure.

The citizen-initiated ballot measure officially petitions to place the question of Opening the Great Highway and bringing back the Great Highway Compromise (open to cars Monday-Friday, closed to cars on weekends and holidays for recreational use) on the ballot. Director Arntz's letter of sufficiency certification found that the; "total number of valid signatures was

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Minutes from CSFN Meetings

[7/21/2026 Minutes](#)

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